कन्वेयर द्वारा की जाएगी । इस प्रकार भूमि कम्पन्न कम होगा और छत के नियंत्रण में सुधार होगा । इस योजना को इस समय विदेशी विशेषज्ञों के मार्गदर्शन में कार्यान्वित किया जा रहा है ।

(ङ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Explosions in Steel Furnace Units, Ludhiana and Mandi Gobindgarh in Punjab

3492. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government is aware of the recent explosion in Ludhiana and Mandi Gobindgarh is continuing to grip a number of steel furnace units as more and more live or dead bombs and other explosive materials in the scraps of Iron from hundreds of scrap iron heaps lying in the premises of the re-rolling and furnace mills ;

(b) if so, who is responsible for the explosive material in the scraps of Iron heaps ;

(c) whether there is no Government Agency in check these scrap iron heaps before allotment to the re-rolling and furnace mills ; and

(d) if so, what precautionary measures are now being taken by Government to check Gulf War bombs in scrap iron ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV) : (a) It has been reported by the Punjab State Government that an explosion took place on 7th February, 1994 in Lulhiana because of some bomb shells in heaps of iron scrap material imported from Kuwait by steel furnace units in Ludhiana and Mandi Gobindgarh. After this incident, all accumulated imported scrap in the factories was searched by the district authorities and the remaining bomb shells defused with the help of military authorities.

(b) Iron and steel scrap can be freely imported by user industries and others. It is generally a condition in the purchase order that the iron/steel scrap supplied should be free of all types of explosives and/or dangerous ordnance materials such as shells, bombs, etc. The responsibility for sending iron/steel scrap free of such material thus rests with the foreign supplier.

(c) and (d) After the incident, the district administration in Punjab are getting such material checked at the Container Freight Station before its release to the consumers. The Central Government public sector undertaking which is also importing scrap, i.e. Metal Scrap Trade Corporation Limited, has appointed a preshipment Inspection Agency to certify that the scrap material imported from the Gulf Countries is free of explosives. Imports of iron and steel scrap are allowed clearance by the Central Customs authorities after examination on percentage basis as per normal practice. However, import of such consignments throrgh Inland Contained Depot/Container Freight Station at Ludhiana and Inland Container Depot at Delhi are being subjected to 100% examination by the Central Customs Authorities.

Restructuring of Capital Gain of SAIL

3493. PROF. SAURIN BHATTACHARYA : Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state :

(a) whether Steel Authority of India Limited is proposing to restructure capital gains of the company ;

(b) whether foreign loans and equity participation is proposed ;

(c) whether plans for rejuvenating Indian Iron and Steel Company has been included in the proposed restructure ; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV) : (a) Yes, Sir. Steel Authority of India Limited has submitted a proposal to restructure its capital.

(b) SAIL is alrealy availing foreign loans for financing the foreign exchange

component of its projects. No specific proposal for foreign equity participation is under consideration at present.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Development of Chawandia Lime Stone Project

3494. SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM : Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state :

(a) whether the N.M.D.C. Limited has undertaken the development of Chawandia Lime Stone Project without considering its economic viability ;

(b) whether no economic or marketing tie-up has been put through ;

(c) whether lot of mining equipment is being procured by the management ; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV) : (a) and (b) The National Mineral Development Corporation Limited (NMDC) has undertaken the development of Chawandia Limestone Project in the State of Rajasthan so as to meet the requirement of limestone for the domestic steel industry and other users. The economic viability, marketing & other related aspects have been duly considered by the company before taking up the project.

(c) and (d) Mining is to be done by leased/hired mining equipment while the process plant is being procured by NMDC at a cost of Rs. 140.75 lakhs.

Pending Payment of Wages in Visakhapatnam Steel Plant

3495. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI : Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that resource personnel working in Visakhapatnam Steel Plant represented for their absorption in the employment of the plant;

(b) whether it is also a fact that payment of their wages is pending ;

(c) if so, since haw long these are pending ;

(d) what are the reasons therefor ;

(e) what is the total amount payable on this count ; and

(f) what action has been taken to settle the issue ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV) : (a) Yes, Sir. These persons were not in the employment of Visakhapatnam Steel Plant but were engaged by Shramik Vidyapeeth. Visakhapatnam Steel Plant did not require their services on regular basis. The resource persons did not have the qualifications as per the requirements of Visakhapatnam Steel Plant.

(b) to (f) Requirement of training having almost been completed towards mid 1992, the Shramik Vidyapeeth was informed by VSP on 6-6-1992 that VSP would not require the services of the resource persons beyond 17th July, 1992. On a request of the Director, Shramik Vidyapeeth, Visakhapatnam Steel Plant agreed to retain the resource persons for a further period of three months. However, when the Shramik Vidyapeeth was asked to raise necessary bills towards the services of the resource persons, the Director, Shramik Vidyapeeth informed VSP in September, 1992 that the resource persons were not engaged by the Shramik Vidyapeeth beyond 17th July, 1992. Accordingly, the resource persons were verbally informed of the decision of the Shramik Vidyapeeth and their engagement was discontinued after 16th, September, 1992. VSP remitted the required amount towards payment for the service rendered by resource persons in Visakhapatnam Steel Plant for the period from 18th July, 1992 to 16th September, 1992 to the Shramik Vidyapeeth who however, refused to accept the payment. Non-acceptance of the payment from Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (Visakhapatnam Steel